Library Management Team Meeting

Information and Action Items

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

In Attendance

Deb Ward
Jeannette Pierce
Chris Pryor

Shannon Cary
Ernest Shaw
Steven Pryor

Jennifer Thompson
Anselm Huelsbergen

Support: Jacqueline Eiben

Vice Provost Announcements

- Deb asked LMT members to submit holiday time-off requests.
- Holiday celebration options were discussed.
- Reminder that tomorrow is the Friends of the Library fundraiser focused on our private loaned collection.

Introduction of System for Campus Emergency Management

- Mark Diedrich wants to implement Veoci, a virtual emergency systems control interface.
- It is being used for football games now, but the Provost's office wants us to use it for academic continuity purposes.
- This platform provides information during various weather-related emergencies.
- First request was for us to make an order of succession if the Vice Provost for Libraries is unavailable to make decisions. This step has been completed.
- The platform includes radar tracking, GPS tracking when logged in from a phone, emergency links, upcoming training, Emergency Action Plans for all departments on campus, E-Phone Tree, locations of physical items like fire extinguisher and sprinkler locations, Ellis door numbers and some established pivot plans from Covid 19.
- We do need to focus on adding information from Specialized Libraries.

Action: Kathy will work with Mark Diedrich to set up a meeting to give LMT members access and do training.

Occuspace
• Ellis is looking into using Occuspace to collect head count data for our busy spaces like reading rooms and the colonnade.
• Jeannette provided some documentation from an introductory meeting with the Assessment Team, some LMT members and Occuspace.
• Dining Services are currently using this service.
• Deb mentioned that feedback from other Libraries who use this service has been very positive.
• Headcounts will be integral to future libraries and campus visioning planning.
• Discussion ensued as to the potential need of this service for Specialized Libraries as well.

Action: Jeannette will reach out to Occuspace to get some more questions answered.

Highlights of the Student Experience Center Report from Jody Miller of Campus Facilities

• The total project costs are now double from what was originally expected. This is before the additional recommendations from Campus Facilities and doesn’t include the elevator study.
• The elevator study is expected to wrap up at the middle of January.
• A decision may be made at that time if anything will be taken to the Board of Curators.

Request for MU Libraries Participation in Research Study

• A researcher from Penn State wants to do a study on our staff about the impact of migrating to a new collection platform.
• Deb is meeting with Division Heads to discuss our potential role.

Intercampus Journal

• Preparations have been made for a meeting with IFC (Intercampus Faculty Cabinet) and system library deans/directors regarding challenges to funding Journal collections.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, Nov 14 @ 2-3:30p
Tuesday, Nov. 28 @ 2-3:30p
Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 2-3:30p